Descriptions of Snuffs from Sir Walter Scott

Sir Walter Scott do not have a website. The following descriptions are assumed to have been written by Sir Johnny Scott as they are identical on both the website of The Pipe Shop Edinburgh and Mr Snuff. Those taken from The Pipe Shop's website are marked with (*), and those taken from Mr Snuff's website are marked with (**)

AGED BORDER RAPEE*
Prime Kentucky Fire Cured sauced with a concentrate made from boiling leaves in water salted with Maldon Sea Salt, fermented for six months and matured for a further six to create a sweet, black, moist, peppery, demi gros, old fashioned high nicotine snuff.

ANSON'S IMPERIAL*
A finely milled, slightly moist blend of fermented Burley, Bright Leaf Virginia and Zimbabwe tobaccos, matured with Creme de Cacso Blanc and cased with an extract of crushed apricot kernels to create a luxurious, silky, high nicotine snuff.

AULD ALLIANCE*
Punjabi Rustica, American Burley and Bright Leaf Virginia leaf tobaccos. Vanilla pods added during the fermenting and mauration process enhance the natural sweetness of the Virginias and creating a rich high nicotine snuff.

CREME DE FIGUE*
A moist, coarse milled blend of pure Sumatra and Punjabi Rustica leaf tobaccos from which the mid ribs and all stalks have been removed. Creme De Figue has been matured and flavoured with a rare fig Arrack to produce a uniquely luxurious snuff.

FIELD OF JUNIPERS*
A medium fine snuff made from a lightly toasted blend of American Virginias and Punjabi Rustica, flavoured with a variety of different berries, of which Juniper provides the top notes.

FIFTY FIFTY*
Fine, dry, high nicotine snuff made with a blend of equal proportions of Bright Leaf Virginia and rare Louisiana Perique. Known for it’s strong, powerful, fruity and vinegary aroma because of the Perique. An unusual and very distinctive snuff.

FRIAR RAMONE PANE**
A gros (coarse) milled Indian cheroot tobacco, fermented with a concentrate of leaves boiled with Maldon sea salt and lightly cased with a tincture made from Tonka beans and Vanilla pods.
Named after the poor anchorite of the Order of St. Jerome, who accompanied Christopher Columbus on his second voyage to the New World in 1493 and on his return in 1498, is credited with introducing to Europe the habit of snuffing ground tobacco, which he had observed among the Taino and Carib people of the Lesser Antilles.

GOLDEN HORN*
A dry, lightly toasted, finely milled blend of Turkish Prilep leaf tobacco and

beautiful, fragrant Basma from the tobacco fields of the Xanthi district in north western Greece. Named after the inlet of the Bosphorus River in Turkey.

HAVANNA TOAST*
A dry, finely milled blend of Havana Ligero, Nicaraguan Seco, Bright Leaf Virginia and Punjabi Rustica leaf, slow toasted to create a luxurious high nicotine snuff.

LUNDY FOOT*
A finely milled, toasted, high nicotine blend of American Virginias and Indian Rustica tobaccos, named in memory of the famous 18th century Dublin snuff chandler and his employee, Michael Larey, the “Irish blackguard”, who inadvertently invented Scotch (scorched) snuff when he fell into a drunken stupor and allowed tobacco drying in a kiln to roast.

MORO MORO*
A strong, moist demi-gros blend of Rustica, Burley and high nicotine Bright Leaf Virginia. Flavoured with bergamot, angelica and other herbs and spices, then cased with a liqueur made from the zest of bitter blood oranges – hence the name.

MULL OF OA*
Mull Of Oa. A moist, medium coarse snuff made from Dark Fired Virginia, cased with Islay malt whisky and named after the remote peninsula on the Hibridean island Islay where, in the 18th century, the “wild and barbarous people” operated many illicit stills.

THE NAVIGATOR**
A fine, dry, high nicotine snuff made from a blend of rich, dark, sweet Cavendish and Virginia Lemon leaf tobaccos. Commemorating Sir Thomas Cavendish, the 16th century privateer and explorer, who was known as the 'The Navigator' from his circumnavigation of the globe and after whom Cavendish tobacco is named.

THE PIPE SHOP EDINBURGH['S OWN FESTIVAL SNUFF 2019 (LIMITED EDITION]*
Specifically made for The Pipe Shop to celebrate the 2019 Edinburgh Festival. Fine, dry, lightly toasted snuff, scented with a Sicilian lemon extract and Scottish peppermint.

PONTEFRACT PRIORY*
The base tobacco for this snuff is Black Cavendish blended with flue-cured Burley, Zimbabwe and Bright Leaf Virginia, sauced with a syrup made by simmering liquorice roots in Muscovado sugar and cased with an extract of liquorice roots suspended in alcohol for six months.

PORT O' LEITH*
Exclusive to The Pipe Shop, a blend of Burley and Bright Leaf Virginia tobacco flavoured with Scottish raspberry liqueur, which enhances the natural sweetness of the blend. The water of Leith had four water powered mills. These were dotted from Lanark Road to Upper Spylaw, allowing the snuff to be transported down the water to the Port O’ Leith.

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PRINCESS JUANA**
In October 1492, Christopher Columbus discovered an island called Cubanascan by the indigenous Taino people. He considered it ; “the most beautiful land than human eyes have ever seen" and re-named it Juana, after the second daughter of his sponsor, King Ferdinand II of Spain. Juana became Queen of Castille in 1504, but was deemed to be insane and confined for the rest of her life in the Royal Convent of Santa Clara. After this sad event and the fact that she was now known as “Juana La Loca”, it was felt the island should revert to the original name, which over time became shortened to Cuba.
Princess Juana is a slightly moist, demi gros snuff made with fermented Cuban tobacco matured with cedar wood shavings for six months and cased with 100% pure essence of violets.

ROSLEIN*
Röslein is a moist, demi gros snuff made from Sumatra leaf flavoured with pure attar of roses from Isparta in Turkey, ameretto di saronno lazzaroni from Italy and ambergris from the Chatham Isles.

ST. JAMES PARISH BLEND*
A strong, dry, finely milled snuff made by blending three types of Virginia leaf and a little Punjabi Rustica with unique and rare Perique tobacco.

TEARS OF CHIOS**
A slightly moist blend of Bright Leaf and Burley tobaccos, cased with an extract made from the gum of the mastic shrub grown on the Greek Island of Chios, to give this snuff a sharp, piney, bitter-sweet scent.
Mastic has been used as medicine since antiquity and is still part of traditional folk remedies in the Middle East to treat bronchitis, digestive problems and improve conditions of the blood. During the Ottoman rule of Chios, mastic gum was worth its weight in gold and every year the finest crop was sent to the Sultan's harem in Istanbul. The penalty for stealing mastic gum was execution by order of the Sultan.
Mastic is harvested from July to October by making incisions in the bark of the shrub to release the resin and as these clear droplets sparkle in the sunlight, they are known as the 'Tears of Chios'.

THRICE BREWED*
A strong, dry, finely milled snuff made by blending three types of Virginia leaf and a little Punjabi Rustica with unique and rare Perique tobacco.